



Office of Mayor Jerry Sanders

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FACT SHEET

FY08 Budget

PARK AND RECREATION HOURS, AQUATIC CENTER OPERATIONS REMAIN FUNDED AT SAME LEVELS IN SANDERS' FY08 BUDGET

*Budget Maintains Services as a Result of
Reforms and Cost-Cutting*

Mayor Jerry Sanders announced today that his FY08 budget provides funding to keep park and recreation hours and pool operations at their FY07 levels. Prior to the Mayor taking office in December 2005, service level had been reduced repeatedly over three fiscal years. These service levels are possible as a result of the cost-cutting and streamlining of city operations introduced by Mayor Sanders.

The Mayor released his FY08 budget on April 13th. It is Mayor Sanders' belief that while the City's public safety, water and wastewater departments are rightly viewed as necessities, he also feels strongly that park and recreation centers and civic pools provide important health and quality of life amenities that make San Diego one of the nation's most desirable cities in which to live, work, play and visit.

Fulfilling his promise to reform the City's financial and managerial practices, Mayor Sanders has presented a budget that has been balanced by new efficiencies he has brought to City government.

PARK AND RECREATION

- The Park and Recreation Department will maintain recreation center and skate park hours of operations at their FY07 levels, an average of 40 hours per week, year round.

NEW/ENHANCED PARK AND RECREATION SITES FOR FY 2008

The Park and Recreation Department will receive \$1.1 Million in operational funding for 10 new and/or enhanced sites opening in FY 2008.

- Florence Joyner Elementary School Joint Use (CD3)
 - Kennedy Porter Elementary School Joint Use (CD4)
 - Ocean View Hills Elementary School Joint Use (CD8)
 - Open Space Additional Acres 2008 (CW)
 - Park de la Cruz (Phase II) (CD3)
 - Rancho Encantada Neighborhood Park (CD7)
 - Rodriguez Elementary School Joint Use (CD8)
 - Teralta Park Comfort Station and Bike/Pedestrian Corridors (CD3)
 - Thurgood Marshall School Joint Use (CD5)
 - Torrey Del Mar Neighborhood Park (CD1)
- The Park and Recreation Department will also receive nearly \$300,000 in operational funding for two previously partially or unfunded new parks: Camino Ruiz Neighborhood Park in Mira Mesa and the Charles L. Lewis III Skate Park in Paradise Hills. The parks had been operating by using existing staff and financial resources within the department.

AQUATIC CENTER OPERATIONS

Aquatic center operations will continue at FY07 levels, with the City operating four of 13 pools year round:

- Vista Terrace (CD8)
- Memorial (CD8)
- Clairemont (CD6)
- Ned Baumer (CD5)

The other nine pools will close on a rotational basis for 3.5 months, the same as was done in FY07.

Pool Hours: Aquatic centers, unlike recreation centers, do not operate on a set weekly schedule. Hours of operation are based on attendance and staffing requirements, which vary from pool to pool. During the summer months, aquatic centers are open at least six days a week, with some of the pools open all seven days.

Additional Funding: The Park and Recreation Department's Aquatics Program will receive \$241,000 in additional funding for hourly pool guards.

Spring/Summer Hours: The City maintains an Aquatic Center website that lists the location of all 13 pools and provides pool hours for each location. It can be accessed at: <http://www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/aquatics/index.shtml>